

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. §121 of one of the following species:

First Species: Claims 1, 2 and 6, depicted in Fig. 5;

Second Species: Claim 3, depicted in Fig. 6;

Third Species: Claim 4, depicted in Fig. 7; or

Fourth Species: Claim 5, depicted in Fig. 8.

Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, the First Species, i.e., Claims 1, 2 and 6, for prosecution on the merits. Furthermore, the Examiner states in the Office Action that upon the allowance of the generic claim, namely Claim 1, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of Claims 3-5 to the Second, Third and Fourth Species, which depend from generic Claim 1.

Claims 1-6 are now pending in the application. Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-6, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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